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April 2025 Newsletter

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President's Corner

By Jimmy Russell

Hey everyone, we are inching ever closer to my favorite time of year. I love late spring and early summer, when the temperature gets into the 70-80's with the bright sun making for great flying weather. On March 29th we hosted the Oak Ridge Civil Air Patrol for their field day. This went very well. A good group of members came out and showcased our models. Craig Dieter and I did about an hour of buddy box intro flights for the ~15 cadets. Their leader Steven Millard has written us a very nice letter of appreciation/recommendation to the County on our behalf.

It's shaping up to be a busy few weeks coming up. We are going to need some help from the membership.

April 25-27th the field will be closed for flying due to Knox County Parks request to use it for parking for their Camporee. The Camporee is a camping event they do every year down in the park. This will be a great opportunity for us to have a workday – April 26th. Our plan is to fill the cracks in the runway and attempt some type of patch/spot filler for the rough area on the far side of the runway. We also want to do a general cleanup and

haul away the trash under the shed. It's very important that members come out to help. Everyone enjoys our smooth paved runway. Our field is the best in the region for EDF jets and smaller planes, which is the bulk of our activity. With a few hours of work, we can keep it that way. We can't fly that weekend anyway, so we are not even losing good flying time.

May 3-4th is the SPA Ben Oliver Contest, and I would like to invite any club member to participate. For any KCRC'er that isn't a regular SPA'er, I'm offering a reduced \$10 (from \$30) entry fee into the Basic or Sportsman class. If you want any coaching or instructions on how we fly pattern, please get with me or Warren Oliver. We are happy to share techniques.

The May 24th Spring RC Day will be much like the successful RC day we did in the fall. A \$10 flying fee, \$5 lunch, Kids fly and eat for free. No charge for spectating, intro flights, or RC cars. Bring your family and friends to this celebration of all things RC. Prop Planes, EDF Jets, FPV Helicopters, Drones, and even Cars! Cookout lunch will be available.

Whew, that's a lot going on. If you are reading this, put it on your calendar and come out. The more participation we have the more fun it will be!

To get you thinking about the pattern contest, here are the maneuvers for the two classes mentioned:

SPA Basic 2025-2026		
		K
1	Takeoff (U)	1
	<i>(Downwind Trim Pass)</i>	
2	Figure 8 Parallel to Runway (U)	2
3	Straight Flight Back (D)	1
4	Stall Turn (U)	2
5	Immelmann Turn (U)	2
6	2 Inside Loops (U)	2
7	2 Horizontal Rolls (D)	2
8	Cuban 8 (U)	2
9	Straight Inverted Flight (D)	2
	<i>(Fly By For Landing - 2 Allowed)</i>	
10	Landing Perfection (U)	1

Total 17

2025 -26 SPA Sportsman		
		K
1	Takeoff (U)	1
	<i>(Downwind Trim Pass)</i>	
2	Double Stall Turn (U)	3
3	3 Horizontal Rolls (D)	3
4	Double Immelmann (U)	2
5	Slow Roll (D)	3
6	3 Inside Loops (U)	2
7	180 Degree Turn (D)	3
8	Cobra Roll with 1/2 Rolls (D)	2
9	1 Reverse Outside Loop (U)	2
10	Reverse Cuban 8 (D)	2
11	3 Turn Spin (U)	2
	<i>(Fly By For Landing)</i>	
12	Landing Perfection (U)	1

Total 26

So, next time you are out at the field give one or the other a try or two and see what you think. Check this out for more information:

www.SeniorPattern.com

KCRC Meeting April 8, 2025

By Bill Lewis

The president, Jimmy Russell, opened the meeting at 6:35 pm at Pellissippi State College Building #2749.

Treasurer Report

Todd Thomas read the treasure's report, and it was accepted by the attending membership. Membership count is 78 at this time.

Safety Report

Phil said that there have not been any safety problems at the field.

Old Business

The runway needs repair and Phil Spelt is checking on prices for the necessary repair. He said that the asphalt repair material has gone up a lot. The runway is approximately 360 x 60 feet and will cost over \$3000 to resurface it plus additionally cost more for crack sealer. If the sealer is ordered right away, he can have it delivered to the field in April. It was brought up by one of the attending members that perhaps we might be better off to ask the county if they could resurface (perhaps by cost-sharing) the runway because they should have all the necessary equipment.

On March 29th Dieter and Jimmy helped several Civil Air students ages 13 to 18 get into the air with the buddy box.

New Business

The club president said that he had been contacted by Cub Scout Pack 59 who wanted permission to fire off rockets using the runway July 12th or Aug. 2nd. The attending members thought it was a good idea and that perhaps the scouts could use the field in the afternoon.

Crash of the Month

There were a few contestants, but no winners were determined.

Model of the month

No model of the month.

New Members

No new members were present at the meeting.

Closing

The president Jimmy Russell closed the meeting at 7:20 PM.

The May meeting will be held at the field.

Special Notes

April 25,26,27th Camporee – the field will be closed these days to support Knox County.

May 24th Spring RC Day – Please plan to support the club on this special day.

Meet the New Member

Stay tuned for the Spring! We will be seeing some new folks soon and take some time to renew your acquaintances with some of the old folks. In the meantime, finish up those back burner projects – not much time left!

Upcoming Events

Pencil in these event(s) for the flying season:

Camporee - April 25-27th – the field will be closed these days to support Knox County.

Runway Work - April 26th stay tuned for more details.

SPA contest weekend - May 3-4th

Spring RC Day - May 24th

Fall RC Day - Oct 27th

Get your event in as soon as possible so we can get it on the list. Tell your ideas to the officers or email them if you can't make the meeting.

Remember the April 26th Workday

We need shovels, a leaf blower, a trowel, large garbage bags, a push broom, some gloves, and your help. Watch your Email for more details. Remember the work clothes and heavy shoes!

